

# newSource

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

WorkSource Standards &amp; Integration

## Announcements & Updates

### Career Bridge Tip

If you are helping older customers decide what training to pursue, try [Career Bridge!](#) You can view demographics of those enrolled in a program including age, ethnicity, gender and education level. First, go to "Find Education" then click on a program and view "Program Details." You will see four tabs. Click on "Student Characteristics" to see the age groupings of students. This information may reassure older customers that they will have similarly aged people in the classroom.

### Policy 1014 Rev. 1, Coordinated Business Services

On January 11, 2013, the Policy Advisory Committee's (PAC) final [Coordinated Business Services policy](#) was released, along with [WIN 0032](#) (Job Order and Referral Requirements and Tools). The WIN replaced Job Order Policy 1006 Rev. 1 and provides an updated guide for [job order and referral requirements](#) (Attachment A to the WIN).

### The Difference Between a WorkSource Information Notice (WIN) and a Policy

[WIN 0030](#) was released on January 4, 2013 to explain WSID's rationale for developing WorkSource Information Notices (WINs) and Policies. This rationale includes a breakdown of policies vs. WINs.

### Policy Advisory Committee Update

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on February 7, 2013 to finalize the Complaint Policy and discuss the WIA Eligibility Policy.

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### Local Integrated Workforce Plan Update

The WorkSource Standards and Integration Division (WSID) and Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) hosted a technical assistance teleconference on January 25 to discuss questions related to the Local Integrated Workforce Plan guidelines and process. The State will follow up on the teleconference with summary notes and formal responses to the questions. The State also made several requests during the teleconference. One was for WDCs to clearly articulate in the WIA Youth Activities section of the local plan, their intent to use the waiver of the prohibition on use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out of school youth, if applicable. The other was to articulate the planned use of the waiver of competitive procurement of youth service providers. The State also reminded the WDCs to include local industry clusters in Section I of their plans as well as provide WTECB and WSID with draft versions of their local plans when they are issued for 30-day public comment.

### Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA) Region 6 Review of National Emergency Grants (NEGs)

DOL ETA Region 6 will conduct an enhanced desk and on-site monitoring review of three of Washington's NEGs – Hanford, Kimberly-Clark, and Community Partnership – from March 4-15, 2013. Enhanced desk monitoring will be conducted with Employment Security program and fiscal staff via WebEx meetings on March 4, 6 and 8. On-site monitoring will be conducted locally with project operators in Snohomish County WDA, Benton-Franklin WDA, and South-Central WDA from March 11-15. More information will be provided as review details become available.

### Governor Invests Additional WIA 10% Funds in Aerospace

In her final WIA 10% funding decision, Governor Gregoire directed Employment Security to contract \$380,000 in unobligated WIA 10% funds to aerospace-related activities. Based on her directive, \$200,000 was contracted to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to further fund the Washington Aerospace Scholars program. \$180,000 was contracted to four Workforce Development Councils (Northwest, Snohomish County, Seattle-King County, and North Central) to fund additional Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for aerospace training at community and technical colleges in their regions.

### Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WETCB) Meeting Highlights

The WTECB held its first regular board meeting in 2013 on January 24. Among the topics discussed by the Board were state core measures, Retooling Washington's Workforce initiative, proposed 2013 Eligible Training Provider Performance policy and the 2012 survey of employer workforce needs and practices. Also available, though not on the Board agenda, are new employment rates and median annualized earnings data for workforce development programs, including WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth, that represent one facet of *Workforce Training Results*. Meeting materials can be viewed at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/January2013agenda.asp>.

### Fiscal Tip:

This is to remind you that quarterly reports are due or are coming due very soon.